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Sat. March 15

Cloudy/rain

High 13 C / 55F

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Cloudy/rain

High 8 C / 46F

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Crazy Socks Day in Spangdahlem



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Jennifer Calhoun

Alissa Salas, daughter of Senior Airman Wendy Salas, 52nd Maintenance Operations Squadron; Aliyah Ratkowski, daughter of Tech. Sgt. Raymond Ratkowski, 52nd Security Forces Squadron; Tyler Carleson, son of Maj. Bryan Carleson, 23rd Fighter Squadron; and Mila Frost, daughter of Staff Sgt. Jonathan Frost, 52nd Civil Engineering Squadron, display their crazy socks March 6 during Spangdahlem Elementary School's Crazy Socks Day. For more pictures, see page 5.

52nd FW names annual award winners

by Senior Master Sgt. Cheryl Toner
52nd Fighter Wing

Members of the 52nd Fighter Wing and their families gathered to recognize the hard work of Airmen and civilians from across the base at the 52nd FW Annual Awards Banquet March 1.

"Every year the level of competition continues to rise," said Chief Master Sgt. Vance Clarke, 52nd Fighter Wing command chief. "Our people have done some amazing things — both at home station and at deployed locations.

"Their exceptional accomplishments are a reflection of what every Saber does here every day," Chief Clarke said. "As they move on to the command-level competition, I'm sure they will do our wing proud.

"Our people continue to provide

more than they are asked," Chief Clarke said. "They truly define the word professional and are setting the pace and the standards for our Air Force. Congratulations to them all ... we are all proud of how they represent us and to serve with them."

The following individuals were named the base's annual award winners:

The Airman of the Year is Senior Airman Dorothy Diego, 704th Munitions Support Squadron monitoring facility operator. While deployed, she responded to seven riot situations involving 12,000 Camp Bucca detainees where her actions helped save U.S. and Iraqi lives. She trained 10 Iraqi correctional officers on riot control. She also served as the on-scene commander for 13 protection level one resource alarms.

The 52nd FW NCO of the Year

is Master Sgt. Thomas Smith, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron explosive ordinance disposal craftsman. During 2007, Sergeant Smith was forward deployed with the Army conducting 163 missions outside the wire in Iraq. While there, he manually removed a rocket from an impaled Soldier allowing for the safe recovery of his remains and the continuation of the mission. For his actions in Iraq, Sergeant Smith earned a U.S. Army Combat Badge.

The 52nd FW SNCO of the Year is Master Sgt. James Fonville, 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron propulsion flight production supervisor. In 2007 Sergeant Fonville supported six simultaneous Global War on Terror training deployments. He also managed maintenance for nine

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Top Saber Performer



Name: Senior Airman Mercedes N. Lee

Unit: 52nd Fighter Wing Command Post

Duty title: Emergency action senior controller

Hometown: Memphis, Tenn.

Years in service: Three years

Why joined: I joined for the educational and travel opportunities.

Family: Father, Master Sgt. Anthony L. Lee; mother, Riqueza Lee; brother, Airman 1st Class Anthony L. Lee II; and niece, Ava Marie Lee.

Hobbies: I enjoy performance and visual arts and fitness.

Favorite aspect of job: My favorite aspect of my job is being the eyes and ears for the wing and group commanders.

Most memorable Air Force experience: My most memorable Air Force experience was deploying with the Army for eight months. I spent two months learning combat skills and six months at Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan.

Commander's Shadow



Col. Darryl Roberson, former 52nd Fighter Wing commander, examines a refractometer as Airman 1st Class Darren J. Albrecht, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron looks on. Colonel Roberson spent a few hours learning about fuel operations from Airman Albrecht Feb. 19. Airman Albrecht, a fuels lab technician, is a native of Midwest City, Okla.

U.S. Air Force photo/
Senior Airman Logan Tuttle



Capt. Matt Mountcastle, 52nd Services Squadron, talks with Col. Darryl Roberson, former 52nd Fighter Wing commander, Feb. 20. Captain Mountcastle spent the day with Colonel Roberson as part of the Commander's Shadow program. The captain is a native of Santa Ana, Calif.

Staff Sgt. Chris Mills/
U.S. Air Force photo

AFAF an opportunity to give back

by Staff Sgt. Tammie Moore
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Every year Airmen are asked to reach into their wallets to help their fellow Air Force family members through the official charity of the Air Force — the Air Force Assistance Fund.

The AFAF campaign runs through April 15. It provides Airmen the ability to assist others through a variety of programs designed to offer support, from

financial assistance to care of military widows. The donation goal for the 52nd Fighter Wing, its tenant organizations and the geographically separated units is \$86,172.

Each base benefits from AFAF donations through financial emergency assistance, educational assistance and community enhancement programs.

"Last year the 52nd FW raised \$154,000 during the AFAF campaign, nearly twice our goal," said 2nd Lt. Perry Chaffee, installation

AFAF project officer from the 52nd Munitions Support Group.

Of the funds distributed back to the base, \$79,669 went to Airmen for loans and grants, \$113,739 went toward education grants and spouse's tuition assistance and \$47,528 was applied to child care, phone cards and auto care. For more information about the AFAF, visit www.affassitancefund.org/ where links are available for each of the campaign's charities.

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Col. Thomas J. Feldhausen

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Anonymous inputs are accepted. To receive a personal response you must include your name and phone number. Call The Saber Herald at 452-5244 for more information.

Accomplishments honored at awards banquet

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air and space expeditionary force units that ran more than 11,500 combat missions over Iraq. In addition, he managed the sole U.S. Air Forces in Europe engine repair unit, and his team provided support to eight aircraft maintenance units and 223 engines.

The 52nd FW CGO of the Year is Capt. Kevin Lord, 52nd Operations Support Squadron F-16 chief of wing weapons. Captain Lord helped the 52nd FW save half a million dollars by discovering and implementing a command and control system work-around — eliminating the need to purchase new equipment. Throughout the year he taught 120 pilots Operation Iraqi Freedom after action academics and USAFE/NATO datalink operations to F-16 and A-10 pilots at a theater indoctrination course.

The 52nd FW First Sergeant of the Year is Senior Master Sgt. Rebecca Brauer, 703rd Munitions Support Squadron first sergeant. Providing a strong influence on those around her, she helped her unit earn the Air Force Outstanding Safety Achievement Award. Sergeant Brauer led the European CGO Conference's First Sergeants panel where she mentored 35 officers. During a high operations tempo time she ran recalls and battlestuffs through 42 exercises and six real-world response events.

The 52nd FW Honor Guard Member of the Year is Tech. Sgt. Michael Jackson, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron specialist section expeditor. In 2007, Sergeant Jackson performed in more than 80 ceremonies and managed the team's \$10,000 budget. He guided the training of 35 Airmen from across four geographically separated units in three countries. He also took the lead in hosting the Air Force Honor Guard Drill Team that performed for more than 500 Sabers.

The 52nd FW Category I Civilian of the Year is Janise Witten, 52nd Maintenance Group secretary as needed. Throughout 2007, Ms. Witten filled in as the base secretary. During the base operation evaluation, she cut orders ensuring that 52nd MXG personnel were able to deploy on time. She also served at the president of the Eifel School Advisory Board.

The 52nd FW Category II Civilian of the Year is Susan Misener, 52nd Services Squadron Family Member Programs flight chief. Ms. Misener led her unit in beating all USAFE finance goals in the child development, community activities and youth centers. She also helped the CAC double its annual recreation programs. She created the template adopted by headquarters USAFE to crown the "Command Idol" champion. In addition, she helped build the base Iron Chef Kids program.

The 52nd FW Volunteer of the Year is Shelley Turner, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

Congratulations also goes out to the following Sabers who were annual award nominees.

Airman of the Year

Senior Airman Stephanie Breeding, 52nd Medical Support Squadron;

Senior Airman Michael Elsik, 606th Air Control Squadron;

Senior Airman Zachary Hedquest, 52nd CES;

Airman 1st Class Krystal Kidnocker, 52nd FW and

Airman 1st Class Meagan Mitchell, 52nd AMXS

NCO of the Year nominees

Tech. Sgt. David Flosi, 704th

MUNSS;

Tech. Sgt. Christopher Kelley, 52nd OSS;

Tech. Sgt. Breah Misho, 52nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron;

Tech. Sgt. Brian Schichler, 52nd FW and

Staff Sgt. Erick Slater, 52nd CMS;

SNCO of the Year nominees

Master Sgt. Melanie Dolzanie, 52nd MDSS;

Senior Master Sgt. Michael Harris, 702nd Munitions Support Squadron;

Master Sgt. George King, 52nd FW;

Master Sgt. Patrick Rippy, 606th ACS and

Master Sgt. Jeff Dawson, 52nd Communications Squadron

CGO of the Year nominees

Capt. Holly Kinsey, 52nd LRS;

Capt. Robert Kochan, 701st Munitions Support Squadron;

Capt. Aaron Maness, 52nd FW;

Capt. Patrick Parsons, 52nd Dental Squadron and

Capt. William Wunschel, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron

Honor Guard Member of the Year nominees

Airman 1st Class Justin

Lemmon, 52nd EMS and

Airman 1st Class Amy Peltier, 52nd LRS

First Sergeant of the Year nominees

Senior Master Sgt. Arthur Heller, 52nd EMS

Master Sgt. Alfred Hodges, 52nd Security Forces Squadron

Category I Civilian of the Year nominees

Angela Aponte, Joint Fires Center of Excellence;

Gertrud Fandel, 52nd OSS;

Eric Guth, 52nd SVS;

Cherylann Robinson, 704th MUNSS;

Pamela Salvio, 52nd Medical Group and

Category II Civilian of the Year nominees

Klaus Van Den Boom, 52nd FW;

Brian Valentine, 52nd OSS

Volunteer of the Year nominees

Bettina Giddens, 52nd Mission Support Squadron;

Amy Gilchrist, 81st Fighter Squadron;

Jan McClay, 606th ACS Spouses Group;

Mary-Lynn Piper, 52nd SVS and

Staff Sgt. Theodore Saxman, 703rd MUNSS



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Kristin Ruleau

Col. Darryl Roberson, 52nd Fighter Wing commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Vance Clark, 52nd FW command chief, recognize the base's annual award winners March 1.



READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK



U.S. Air Force photos/Airman 1st Class Jennifer Calhoun

Coby Kirk, son of Chief Master Sgt. Edward Kirk, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron; Celeste Fleming, daughter of Staff Sgt. Tahiana Sanders, 52nd Communications Squadron; Noa White, daughter of Tech. Sgt. Darrell White, 52nd Services Squadron; and Josh Keir, son of Staff Sgt. Jason Keir, 606th Air Control Squadron, display their first prize door.



Celeste Fleming shows off the egg she created during Read Across America week.



Above left

Owen Wilson, son of Senior Master Sgt. Patrick Wilson, 606th Air Control Squadron, displays the apple he created March 7 for Spangdahlem Elementary School's Door Decorating Contest as part of Read Across America week.

At left

Joshua Easley, son of Staff Sgt. Ronald Easley, 606th Air Control Squadron; Alexa Tovrea, daughter of Mr. Gregory Tovrea, 52nd Operations Support Squadron; Alex Hall, son of Tech. Sgt. Casey Hall, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; and Kyler Curtis, daughter of Capt. Michael Breakfield, 52nd Fighter Wing, celebrate their second place finish during their school's Door Decorating Contest.

Crazy socks Day

Spangdahlem Elementary School



Mila Frost, daughter of Staff Sgt. Jonathan Frost, 52nd Civil Engineering Squadron, shows off her big smile as well as her crazy socks during Crazy Socks Day.

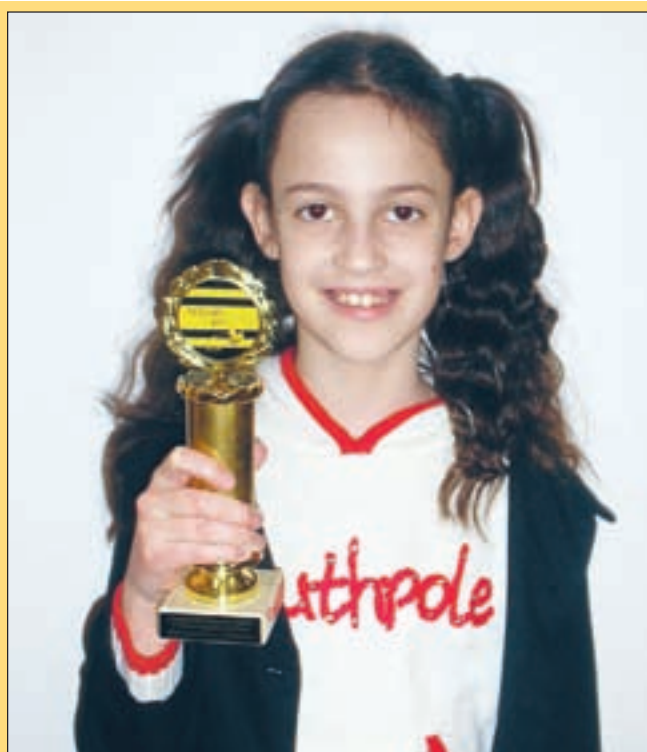


Samantha Okrai, daughter of Tech. Sgt. Samuel Okrai, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron, shows off her crazy socks March 6 during Spangdahlem Elementary School's Crazy Socks Day.

U.S. Air Force photos/Airman 1st Class Jennifer Calhoun



Students at Spangdahlem Elementary School display their crazy socks March 6 during Crazy Socks Day celebrating Read Across America Week.



Courtesy photo

Samantha Wilson, a fourth grader at Spangdahlem Elementary School, earned first place in the school's Parent Teacher Student Association Spelling Bee. Samantha is the daughter of Nanette and Chief Master Sgt. Scott Wilson, 52nd Mission Support Group. She will participate in the European Spelling Bee at Ramstein Air Base in March.

SPES students buzz through spelling bee

from Spangdahlem Elementary School

Congratulations to the following Spangdahlem Elementary School students who placed in the school's Parent Teacher Student Association Spelling Bee:

First place went to Samantha Wilson, a fourth grader in Mrs. Fant's class. She is the daughter of Nanette and Chief Master Sgt. Scott Wilson, 52nd Mission Support Group. Samantha will participate in the European Spelling Bee at Ramstein Air Base in March.

The runner-up was MaKenna Demers, a third grader in Mrs. Price's class. She is the daughter of Michelle and Senior Master Sgt. Daniel Demers, 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron.

BMS students earn honors at science symposium

from Bitburg Middle School

The Bitburg Middle School sent nine students to the Junior Science and Humanities Symposium where their work was ranked against 160 Department of Defense Dependents Schools middle and high school students from across Europe.

Four students from BMS captured awards when they presented their projects.

The following students were recognized.

Erin Schwartz took home second place in the oral presentation category out of

nine presentations. Erin is the daughter of Susan and David Schwartz.

Victoria Flores and Haley Davis grabbed second place in the poster presentation category out of 44 posters. Victoria is the daughter of Elizabeth and Tech. Sgt. Robert Flores, 52nd Medical Support Squadron. Haley is the daughter of Rachelle and Master Sgt. Christian Davis, 606th Air Control Squadron.

Mark Muniz earned third place in the poster presentation category. Mark is the son of Mary Ann and Master Sgt. John Muniz, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.



Courtesy photo

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Courtesy photo

Learning in action

Spangdahlem Middle School

Students from Spangdahlem Middle School's seventh and eighth grade gifted education class display books they created while learning about World War II in Europe.

The student's study included a chronological look at the rise of the Nazi party, appointment of Adolf Hitler as Chancellor of Germany, the D-Day landings and liberation of the death camps throughout Europe.

Each student chose and researched a Holocaust topic and the information they learned was published in hardback book form, which can be viewed at the Spangdahlem Base library.

Chief Master Sgt. Derrow visits Spangdahlem



U.S. Air Force photos/Airman First Class Jenifer Calhoun

Chief Master Sgt. Pamela Derrow, United States Air Forces in Europe command chief, speaks with Airman First Class Krystal Kidnocker, 52nd Fighter Wing, during lunch with various Spangdahlem Air Base members March 7. Chief Derrow's visit was part of an informal meeting with Chief Master Sgt. Vance Clarke, 52nd Fighter Wing command chief.

Treaty office ensures wing in compliance

by Billy L. Hendricks
52nd Fighter Wing
Treaty Compliance Office

The treaty compliance office represents the 52nd Fighter Wing in the international arms control arena by ensuring the unit is postured for conducting real world Conventional Forces in Europe, Vienna Document 1999, Open Skies and Chemical Weapons Convention treaty inspections.

Responsibilities include interpretation and compliance with applicable international treaties. The office is a one-person regional office with a base alternate. Treaty oversight includes all permanent and temporary Air Force installations in Central Europe

There are several arms control treaties in effect and all are intended to foster a more stable environment in post-Cold War Europe. The Conventional Forces in Europe Treaty, and VDoc 99 most directly impact Spangdahlem Air Base.

The treaty limits the number of personnel, tanks, artillery pieces, armored combat vehicles, combat aircraft and attack helicopters that each side (former Soviet Bloc and NATO Allies) can have. The F-16s and A-10s assigned to the 52nd FW are considered treaty limited equipment and are accountable under the CFE

Treaty. The United States can be inspected four times in this treaty year by the former Soviet Bloc countries.

In addition, an inspection exercise is conducted at Spangdahlem AB annually by the Defense Threat Reduction Agency-Europe. This year the CFE exercise will be in August with DTRA-E as the inspection team. A bilateral state party has not yet been determined for the 52nd FW. The DTRA-E also conducts inspections on the other 29 participating states parties to the treaty, to validate their compliance.

The Open Skies Treaty was signed in Helsinki, Finland, March 24, 1992. The treaty establishes a regime of observation flights to verify member countries' compliance with other arms control treaties, which in turn, fosters trust and confidence.

Special unarmed observation aircraft, equipped with still and video cameras, infrared devices and side-looking radar are used for this mission.

The Vienna Document 1999 came into force on Nov. 16, 1999. The purpose of VDOC99 is to build mutual trust and understanding among the participating states through data exchanges and on-site inspections. VDOC99 is designed to increase transparency, thereby pro-

moting cooperation, reducing misunderstandings and restoring/reinforcing stability during times of international conflict.

The categories for conventional arms to be reported under the VDOC99 include battle tanks, helicopters, armored combat vehicles, armored personnel carrier look-alikes, armored infantry fighting vehicle look-alikes, anti-tank guided missile launchers, certain artillery pieces and armored vehicle launched bridges. Each state is subject to three inspections a year.

The CWC prohibits the development, production, stockpiling and use of chemical weapons. The treaty came into force on April 29, 1997, and is the most detailed arms control treaty to date. The 52nd FW is not normally affected by the CWC Treaty because the wing does not have any articles or equipment that are controlled by the CWC operations.

These are just a few examples of the arms control treaties that directly impact Headquarters United States Air Forces in Europe's wings daily. Professionalism with a sense of openness while utilizing good judgment in the Operations Security arena is the watch-word for any treaty inspection and the daily operating practice of the regional treaty office.

To contact the Treaty Compliance Office, call 452-7415 or 480-8607.

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American Airmen receive German badge

by Senior Airman Jarrett Sainz
702nd Munitions Support Squadron

BUECHEL AIR BASE, Germany — The dedication and hard work of two Airmen stationed at the 702nd Munitions Support Squadron on Buechel Air Base, Germany, was recognized in a unique way Feb. 28.

Staff Sgt. Seth P. Stinnett and Senior Airman Jarrett J. Sainz were awarded the German Air Force Security Forces Function Badge in bronze by German Air Force Maj. Harold Karpf, commander of the Sicherungstaffel S, Security Forces Squadron, assigned to the 33rd Fighter/Bomber Wing at Buechel AB. The recognition was just another example of the close working relationships between two countries that exist on this small base with a large mission.

The mission of the 702th MUNSS is to, "Defend, Maintain and Employ U.S. Weapons in a vital NATO Strike mission."

While there is a substantial American presence on the base, functions like security and other main base tasks are left to the Germans.

This in turn has led to the formation of unique teams comprised of Germans and Americans working in concert to achieve mission goals.

In this case, the Eagle Team, specifically Sergeant Stinnett and Airman Sainz, have been singled out for their accomplishments.

The Eagle Team is a combined American/German Security Squad that performs duties equivalent to that of an Emergency Services Team. All members of the team are trained on small arms, anti armor and anti bunker weaponry, in addition to being trained on each others' weapon systems.

This training is accomplished through regular training temporary duties to German and American military installations around Germany. It is the accumulation of these training courses and time spent on the team that has led to these Airmen receiving this honor, the Sicherungstruppe — German Air Force SF Function badge. The requirements for the award in bronze are the completion of German



Courtesy photo

(Center) German Air Force Maj. Harold Karpf, commander of the Sicherungstaffel S, Security Forces Squadron, stands with (left) Staff Sgt. Seth Stinnett and Senior Airman Jarrett Sainz after presenting them with the German Air Force Security Forces Function Badge in bronze. The Airmen are both assigned to the 702nd Munitions Maintenance Squadron.

air force Security Forces training of basic infantry skills (i.e. firearms training, basic tactics), a minimum of one year in a security squadron and the rank of NCO (or equivalent) and higher. It's a credit to these Airmen and the USAF that their professionalism and commitment inspires foreign militaries to recognize them as they would their own service members. The positive relationship that has grown between two militaries in 50 years is underscored by events like these.

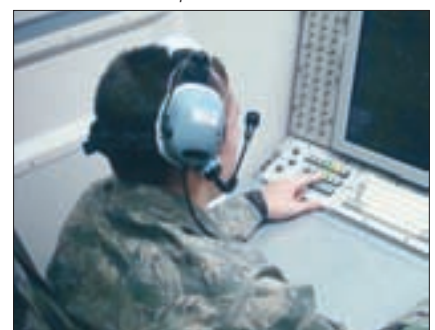
Working together



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Jarod Martinez

(ABOVE) Staff Sgt. Daniel Heise, 606th Air Control Squadron satellite communications technician, tracks fighter aircraft. The exercise was conducted by a British Airborne Warning and Control team hosted by the 606th ACS.

(RIGHT) Airman 1st Class Nicholas Palmer, 606th Air Control Squadron surveillance technician, tracks fighter aircraft participating in a live air-to-air interdiction exercise.



U.S. Air Force photo/ Staff Sgt. Daniel Heise



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Kristen Rueleau

Kuhl Beanz grand opening

Chief Master Sgt. Vance Clarke, 52nd Fighter Wing command chief, pours coffee at the grand opening of Kuhl Beanz, a coffee shop intended for the Airmen on base to enjoy various types of pastries and coffees.





Sports briefs

Paintball

Outdoor recreation offers the opportunity to play paintball March 29, April 19, May 17 and June 7.

Cost is \$20 per person, which includes the field fee, marker, protective equipment and unlimited air. A minimum of 15 players are needed and there is a maximum of 30 players per day. Personal paint is not permitted and players must buy the field's paintballs. This paint is \$15 for a bag of 500 and \$55 per case of 2,000. For more information, call Jeff Heagerty at 452-7170.

Saber Mountain Bike Club

The Saber Mountain Bike Club meets at 10 a.m. on Sundays at the Spangdahlem Air Base main gate visitor's center parking lot for a one to two hour ride.

To find information about the club, riding, the team and competitive mountain biking, visit Yahoo Groups "mountainbikegermany" or call outdoor recreation at 452-7170.

Soccer clinic

The Bitburg Barons Booster Club is sponsoring a youth soccer clinic March 15 at Bitburg High School.

Children will learn the basic fundamentals of soccer, participate in team building activities and soccer games.

The clinic is open to youth ages 5 to 12. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. at the BHS football field.

The clinic runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$30 and includes a sack lunch and a soccer goodie bag; a buddy discount is available if a child brings a friend or sibling with them.

For more information, call 452-9337.

Softball

Men's softball tryouts are at Field 1 at the following times:

- March 15, noon to 4 p.m.
- March 16, 2 to 6 p.m.
- March 17 to 19, 4:30 to 6 p.m.
- March 18, 4:30 to 6 p.m.
- March 20, starting at 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling team

The base wrestling team meets in the fitness center aerobic room at 6 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Everyone is welcome, regardless of experience level.

For more sports briefs, visit www.spangdahlem.af.mil and click on "sports briefs."

Community happenings

Editor's Note: Submit "Community" advertisements 10 days before the desired publication date to publicity@spangdahlem.af.mil. Call the 52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office Internal Information Section at 452-5244 for more information.

AA meetings

AA meetings are at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays at Spangdahlem Air Base in building 139 on the first floor. For more information about AA in the Eifel, call 0152-0391-3593.

Chapel news

Spangdahlem Air Base Services

Catholic Mass

- A Stations of the Cross dinner is at 6 p.m. March 14.
- A Holy Easter Vigil Mass happens at 7 p.m. March 22.

Protestant

- Maundy Thursday Service is at 7 p.m. March 20.
- A Good Friday Service is at 7 p.m. March 21.

Bitburg Annex Services

Catholic Mass

- A Stations of the Cross dinner is at 6 p.m. March 7.
- A Penance Service is at 6 p.m. March 10.
- A Holy Thursday Mass, Confession and Adoration is from 7 p.m. to midnight March 20.
- A Good Friday service is at 7 p.m. March 21.

Other services

- For information about Islamic services, call the lay leader at 0170-310-2593.
- For information about Jewish services, call Rabbi Levy at Ramstien Air Base at 480-5570.

Community calendar

To view a calendar format of base happenings, visit www.spangdahlem.af.mil and click on "52nd Fighter Wing Community Calendar" under the customer service information tab.

Communication requirements

The Project, Workflow, Requirements, and Resource Manager program will no longer be used to submit communication requirements effective March 31.

The Cyberspace Infrastructure Planning System will replace PWRR. Guidance for the new program is available on the S drive at \52cs\external\CIPS. For more information, call 452-6548.

Motorcycle safety briefing

A mandatory 2008 pre-season motorcycle safety briefing schedule is at 9 a.m. March 21 and at 3 p.m. March 27 in the Welcome Center.

Open house volunteers

The 52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office is looking for English-German, English-French and English-Dutch speaking volunteers to assist at an open house information booth for three-hour shifts from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. July 26. For more information, e-mail Alexander.ray@spangdahlem.af.mil, iris.reiff@spangdahlem.af.mil or simone.chapman@spangdahlem.af.mil.

Special olympics

The annual Kaiserslautern Special Olympics Spring Games happens May 6 at the German police training center, Bereitschaftspolizei, in nearby Enkenbach. To volunteer, e-mail larry_zani@compuserve.com.

Spouse's Dining In

The 52nd Fighter Wing holds its annual Spouse's Dining In March 29, with the theme "Once upon an Eifel (k)night." Space will be limited. To make a reservation, contact your command spouse.

Women's History Month

Celebrate Women's History Month at the following events:

- A 5K run/walk occurs from 4 to 5 p.m. March 20 at the fitness center.
- A Boxing 101 self defense class is from 10 a.m. to noon in March at the fitness center.
- A women's history luncheon happens from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 28.

Youth Programs

- A St. Patrick's Day dance happens from 7 to 10 p.m. March 15 for youth ages 13 to 18. Cost is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members.

• A spring break pre-teen lock-in takes place from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. March 28. Cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. The event is open to youths ages 6 to 12. Permission slips must be received by March 21.

• A spring break lock-in takes place from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. April 3. Cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. The event is open to youths ages 13 to 18. Permission slips must be received by March 28.

• A Month of the Military Child Block Party happens from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 26 at the fitness center.

For more information about youth program events, call 452-9206.

For more community briefs, visit www.spangdahlem.af.mil and click on the "community happenings" link.

Bagram hosts International Women's Day

by Army Spc.

Melissa M. Escobar

22nd Mobile

Public Affairs Detachment

BAGRAM AIR BASE, Afghanistan — Women's History Month kicked off at Bagram Air Base with a celebration of International Women's Day March 3.

The Combined Joint Task Force-82, 455th Air Expeditionary Wing Equal Opportunity Office and various civil military operations sections sponsored the celebration, which consisted of speeches, a musical performance from an Afghan band and an Afghan fashion show.

While the U.S. celebrates Women's History Month, International Women's Day is an official holiday held March 8 each year in 23 countries across Europe, Africa and Asia. The holiday commemorates the economic, political and social struggles and achievements of women worldwide. The occasion recognizes the world's women and acknowledges their contribution to peace and security, according to the official International Women's Day Web site.

Afghan Ministry of Women's Affairs Dr. Husn Banu Ghazanfar and Afghan national army Gen. Khatool Mohammadzai participated in the ceremony.

Dr. Ghazanfar, a lecturer, poet and writer, delivered a speech on the progress of international women and gave insight into the struggles that Afghan women have faced and continue to face.

General Mohammadzai is Afghanistan's first female general and paratrooper in the Afghan national army. With more than 500 jumps under her belt and a chest full of medals displaying her many accomplishments, she represents how women are gradually overcoming

their trials and tribulations in Afghanistan.

"I am honored to be a part of this celebration and to be here in Bagram," General Mohammadzai said. "I am proud to be here with my Afghan and international colleagues in celebrating this wonderful day."

"I congratulate the whole world's women and Afghan women on this beautiful and important day. This day is a sign that the women of the world are making huge progress."

"It's enormously important that we celebrate IWD," said Army Brig. Gen. Rodney Anderson, the CJTF-82 deputy commanding general for support. "It's especially important to celebrate (IWD) in Afghanistan to recognize the contributions and sacrifices that the Afghan women have made, and the contributions and sacrifices of the women who have deployed here to support them."

One of those women who deployed to support the nation of Afghanistan is French Maj. Angelique Esperance, a contracting and legal officer with the French forces.

"Women have not had rights here and today it's a feeling of freedom," Major Esperance said. "We can show the Afghan women that we can do anything next to men. Where I am from, we are equal to men and I hope that one day it will be the same here. I hope to see Afghan women take their place in society."

Senior Master Sgt. Debra Plocki, with the 455th AEW deployed from Robins Air Force Base, Ga., gave a speech on women in history.

"There's a sense of sisterhood, even with women across the world," Sergeant Plocki said. "I want to know what their life is like."



U.S. Air Force photos/Master Sgt. Demetrius Lester

Members of the Afghan community prepare for lunch March 3 at an International Women's Day event at Bagram Air Base to celebrate the world's women and acknowledge women's contributions to peace and security.



Afghan National Army Brig. Gen. Khatool Mohammadzai, Afghan Ministry of Women's Affairs Dr. Husn Banu Ghazanfar and Army Brig. Gen. Rodney Anderson cut a cake at an International Women's Day celebration March 3 at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan. Hundreds turned out to the festivities and celebrated the world's women and acknowledged women's contributions to peace and security. General Anderson is the Combined Joint Task Force-82 deputy commanding general-support.

New York City bomb targets military recruiting station

NEW YORK CITY (AFPN) — A bomb went off outside the U.S. military recruiting station in Times Square March 6, injuring nobody but causing minor structural damage, said Air Force Recruiting Service officials.

The bomb went off at approximately 3:45 a.m. Eastern Standard Time, cracking the glass door, bending the door frame, and shattering the large glass window in front.

The station, jointly manned by Air Force, Army, Navy and Marine Corps recruiters, is arguably the most well known recruiting office in the nation.

"This is not the first time one of our offices has been used to demonstrate, but violence is not tolerated and law enforcement officials will find the perpetrator and prosecute," said Brig. Gen. Suzanne M. Vautrinot, the AFRS commander. "I must commend Air Force officials for doing a superb job of responding, reporting and accounting for their people."

Within minutes of the explosion, coordination was already occurring between the Air Force Office of Special Investigation, Air Education and Training Command, and AFRS units at every level, said Lt. Col. Sean McKenna, an AFRS spokes-

man.

Incidents of harassment and vandalism against military recruiters, in the form of spitting, threatening words, graffiti and broken windows, are not uncommon since many recruiters reside in leased office buildings outside the confines of military installations and are susceptible to personal attacks.

"Most of these attacks have been by people frustrated with the government, who then act on that against the easiest target they can find — our recruiters," General Vautrinot said. "In all of these incidents, our recruiters acted professionally and used their training to defuse the volatile situation."

All Air Force recruiters receive extensive training at the Air Force Recruiting Schoolhouse at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, on how to deal with hostile and threatening individuals.

Recruiters are also trained to remain vigilant and have regular contact with local law enforcement officials to ensure standard force protection measures are effective, said Colonel McKenna. Civil and federal authorities are conducting an investigation into the bombing.

Incirlik Airmen awarded service medal

by Senior Airman Heather Stanton
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More than 1,450 Airmen assigned to Incirlik Air Base are eligible to receive and wear the Humanitarian Service Medal for the Noncombatant Evacuation Operation of Americans from Lebanon that occurred in July 2006.

The base provided lodging, meals, medical care, legal assistance and transportation, as well as other morale and welfare activities for more than 1,700 evacuees.

"It was a total base effort — every organization helped," said Capt. Timothy Motley, 39th Mission Support Flight military personnel flight commander.

The 39th Civil Engineer Squadron helped set up the safe haven in Patriot Village for evacuees while the 39th Logistics Readiness Squadron directed personnel and baggage drop off at the Air Mobility Command terminal. The 39th Medical Group processed all evacuees, provided acute care and refilled more than 170 prescriptions.

The 39th Services Squadron led the evacuee reception, provided four child development centers and served more than 16,000 meals and 70,000 liters of bottled water, while the 39th Communications Squadron provided 62 telephones with commercial, defense service network, 1-800 and direct-dial capabilities.

Along with these contributions, the other squadrons and units provided volunteers and escorts to help the evacuees during their stay.

"These medal recipients are being justly commended for their efforts," said Col. Ken Stefanek, 39th Air Base Wing vice commander. "It was a whole base effort, to include our host nation who provided the evacuees a safe haven."

Medal recipients will be authorized to wear the medal upon the decorations update in virtual MPF, said Staff Sgt. Tiki Caldwell, 39 MSS MPF. This should be completed by the end of March.

Week set aside for awareness of inhalant abuse

by Heather Robinson

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One out of every five teens in America has used inhalants to get high — and the use is no longer limited to teens. Young Adults who began use as teens may turn to inhalants as adults if other drugs are not available.

The National Poison Prevention Organization is sponsoring National Inhalants and Poisons Awareness Week March 16 to 22.

Inhalants are cheap, legal and accessible products and are as popular among middle-school students as is marijuana. Even fewer know the deadly effects the poisons in these products have on the brain and body when they are inhaled, which is otherwise known as huffing, sniffing or bagging.

It's like playing Russian roulette. The user can die the first, 10th or 100th time a product is misused as an inhalant.

Harmful effects

Chronic inhalant users can suffer severe and permanent brain damage. Some die the

first time they experiment.

Other possible risks include the following:

- Intoxication
- Hearing loss
- Bone marrow damage
- Short-term memory loss
- Limb spasms
- Liver and kidney damage

Signs of use

There are common links between inhalant abuse and problems in school, such as failing grades, chronic absences and general apathy. Other signs include the following:

- Paint or stains on body, clothing, rags or bags
- Unusual breath odor or chemical odor on clothing
- Slurred or disorientated speech
- Anxiety, excitability, irritability or restlessness
- Red or runny eyes or nose
- Spots or sores around the mouth
- Drunk, dazed or dizzy appearance
- Nausea and loss of appetite
- Missing household items



Courtesy photo

For more information on inhalent abuse or awareness, visit the following Web sites at www.inhalants.org or www.poisonprevention.org.

NOW SHOWING March 14 to March 20

Spangdahlem Skyline

Fri. March 14

7 p.m. — Vantage Point (PG-13)
10 p.m. — The Great Debaters (PG-13)

Sat. March 15

7 p.m. — The Pirates Who Don't Do Anything: A Veggie Tales Movie (G)
10 p.m. — The Great Debaters (PG-13)

Sun. March 16

4 p.m. — The Pirates Who Don't Do Anything: A Veggie Tales Movie (G)
7 p.m. — The Great Debaters (PG-13)

Mon. March 17

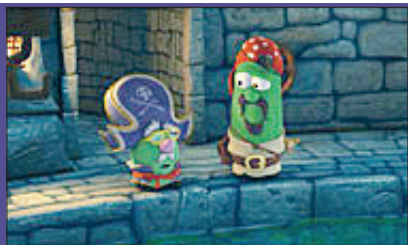
7 p.m. — Vantage Point (PG-13)

Tue. March 18

7 p.m. — The Pirates Who Don't Do Anything: A Veggie Tales Movie (G)

Wed. March 19 - closed

Thu. March 20 - closed



The Pirates Who Don't Do Anything: A Veggie Tales Movie

Three lazy misfits — very timid Elliot (Larry the Cucumber), lazy Sedgewick (Mr. Lunt) and no self-confidence George (Pa Grape) — dream of the day of putting on a show about pirates.

Even with fears that their dreams of putting on a show might not come true, they still find themselves traveling back in time into the 17th century to begin a quest to rescue a royal family from an evil tyrant and learn about being pirates.

Bitburg Castle

Fri. March 14

7 p.m. — One Missed Call (PG-13)
9:30 p.m. — Jumper (PG-13)

Sat. March 15

7 p.m. — The Water Horse: Legend of the Deep (PG)
9:30 p.m. — One Missed Call (PG-13)

Sun. March 16

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7 p.m. — Jumper (PG-13)

Mon. March 17 - closed

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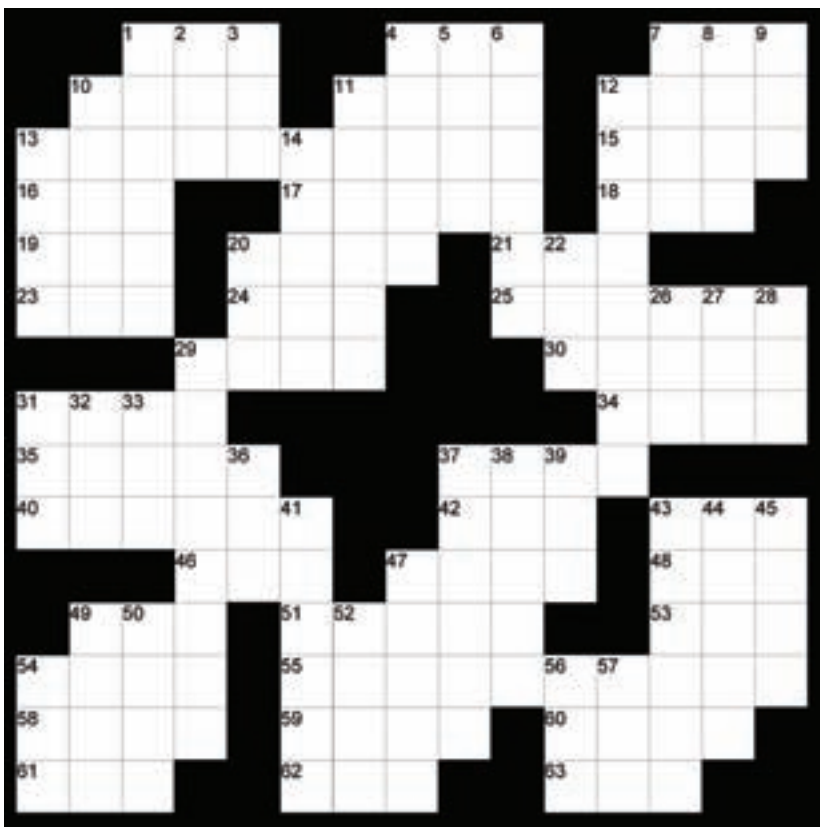
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Vantage Point

When the president is shot moments after his arrival in Spain, chaos ensues and disparate lives collide in the hunt for the assassin. In the crowd is Howard Lewis, an American tourist who thinks he's captured the shooter on his camcorder.

Also, there is American TV news producer, Rex Brooks, relaying the historic event to millions of viewers across the globe. As they reveal their stories, the pieces of the puzzle will fall into place — and it will become apparent that shocking motivations lurk just beneath the surface.



The Aloha State's base

by Capt. Tony Wickman

71st Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

ACROSS

1. Boor
4. Pontiac muscle car from 1964-1974
7. Head cover
10. Prepared
11. Admiral type
12. Alike
13. Wartime conference site of Roosevelt and Churchill

15. Away from the wind
16. Alias identifier
17. Kitchen covering
18. Barbie's beau
19. Scientist's workplace
20. Poker bet
21. School meas. for academic progress
23. Possible duty status for Airmen
24. Mekong River inhabitant
25. Northern area weasel
29. Successor
30. HQs located at the Aloha State base
31. Japanese WWII fighter that attacked the Aloha State base

34. Saved
35. Stadium
37. Bangkok citizen
40. Relatively large decorative pin or clasp
42. ___ the ramparts we watch'd, were so gallantly streaming?
43. Fink
46. Wreath of flowers and leaves; Aloha State gift
47. Metric unit of mass or weight
48. NY Giant Manning
49. Web site ending for schools
51. Map
53. Wear
54. American ___
55. Aloha State's first king
58. Aloha State island; home to 15 AW
59. Car rental service
60. Region
61. Actress Thurman
62. ___ of Honor
63. ___ High; former USAF slogan

DOWN

1. Variety of the winter melon
2. Oklahoma town
3. Young woman making her debut into society
4. Class or category of artistic endeavor
5. Tex-Mex menu item
6. Citrus fruit
7. ___ Koa; Armed Forces Recreation Center in the Aloha State
8. Prayer ending
9. Golf prop
10. "Toward the sea" in Hawaiian
11. New fighter plane to be based at the Aloha State's base
12. Kazuo ___; first prisoner in WWII captured in the Aloha State
13. Without rough motion
14. Veranda in the Aloha State
20. Pub order
22. USAF nuclear security program

26. Frozen water
27. Quick rest
28. Eastern newt
29. Capital of the Aloha State
31. Boxing champion Judah
32. Mistake
33. ___ Speedwagon; 1970/80s American rock band
36. Airmen with 5+ aerial kills
37. Current commander of the Aloha State base's 15 AW
38. Tract of open and uncultivated land; wasteland
39. Upper limb of the human body
41. Name of USAF base in Aloha State
43. Buy or pay off; clear by payment
44. Greeting from the Aloha State
45. Singer Turner
47. Neglected boy left to run about the streets; street urchin
49. Cheese type
50. Camp ___, Kuwait; USARCENT site
52. Possess
54. Debt letters
56. Travel org.
57. Dr.'s scan to obtain detailed sections of the body



Solutions to the March 7 crossword puzzle



Bitburg and the Beda Market

Offering fun and shopping opportunities for the entire family this weekend

Story and photos by Iris Reiff
Contributing writer

Preparations are presently underway for the annual Bitburg Beda Market, which will take place at the famous Beer City this weekend.

Under the motto "Looking, Exploring, Informing," the popular Beda Market will attract visitors from all over Germany as well as the neighboring countries of Luxembourg and Belgium.

"If weather permits, about 80,000 visitors are expected to flock into the city Friday through Sunday," said event organizer Kerstin Eppers.

Again this year and for the 29th time in history, Bitburg will present its economy and cultural life in various spots throughout the city. About 150 vendors will set up stands, providing information and products.

More than 50 stores within the city will remain open from 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday for weekend shoppers.

The Beda Market

Bitburg was called Beda in Celtic times, which is where the market's name originates.

At this weekend's event, people will find large scale exhibitions, including car shows and a trailer's market, artifacts, handicraft items, a farmer's market, book sales and much more.

A small amusement park with rides will be set up on Beda-Platz. A variety of foods and entertainment will be offered as well as music and entertainment. An agricultural exhibition and farm ani-

mal show are also part of the event.

Entry is free to all exhibitions. The market will be open from noon to 6 p.m. Friday and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

What can you expect?

The market will officially open at noon Friday on Beda-Platz, an area located right in the heart of the city. This is also where the city holds its monthly markets, cultural events and festivals for the year.

The city's cultural center, The Beda Haus, is located on Beda-Platz and offers a museum, concerts, art shows, seminars and a public library for people to enjoy. For the market, the Beda Haus will offer an open house and 15 art stands, presenting jewellery, Easter ornaments, wood work, antique furniture, a book flea market and more.

Things will really get going around noon Friday when the handicraft and farmer's market will open up to the public at the Festival Tent, located near the town's Gymnasium school, behind



the Coyote Café.

The handicraft market offers information on many topics to include energy conservation and environmental protection.

Furthermore, the farmer's market will highlight local culture and regional food specialties.

Friday's evening entertainment includes an After-Work-Party at 5 p.m. and a concert at 8 p.m. in the Festival Tent by the Unplugged Chock-A-Block band.

Games and fun for children will be offered from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the Restaurant Tent located near the Gymnasium school.

A great event for families is a special brunch with music from 9:30 a.m. until 1 p.m., Sunday at

the Festival Tent. Cost is €5 per person.

From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, visitors will find different models of cars and vehicles on display at both the Bitburg-Pruem Kreissparkasse (county bank) and inside a 3,000 square-meter surface tent on Beda-Platz. Vendors will be available to provide information and answer questions on latest models.

Free Park & Ride shuttle bus service

The city has arranged a free park and ride shuttle bus service from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Sunday to and from the former Bitburg Air Base.

Signs will direct visitors to the parking lots.

“Sprechen Sie Deutsch?”

by Wendy McCool Lewis, contributing writer

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“Alle Möbel Verrückt...,” sings a classroom of off-key students as they learn one of the popular songs by German jazz/swing musician Roger Cicero. This obviously is not choir practice. It’s a group of students who have stuck together for the last two years in a German language class offered by Adult Continuing Education on Ramstein Air Base.

After the third or fourth attempt of the “All the Moved Furniture” song, the students get the hang of the chorus singing louder, smirking between breaths and mostly showing pride in the advancement of their language skills.

Adult Continuing Education offers language classes year round for soldiers, dependants, contractors and anyone carrying an ID card. Varying class levels cater to beginners who have never spoken a foreign language to more advanced individuals who can speak the language comfortably but have difficulty using correct grammar.

Other organizations such as the USO, German-American Friendship League, colleges and

universities on bases as well as local freelancers also offer a variety of language classes for Americans stationed in Germany.

Donna Burrill, a representative in Ramstein’s ACE office says they currently offer German, Italian, French, Spanish and English-as-a-second-language courses. She said the specific language and the

“Ja, ein bisschen!”

advancement level offered each term depend on student demand.

Ms. Burrill says individuals can take a pretest if they want help in determining which level to enroll. She says completing the exam takes one-half hour, and there is no charge for the test.

The class of students singing

Roger Cicero began meeting in early 2006 in a beginning German I class. Two original students remain in the class that began with 25 people. The others joined later making this group of eight a dynamic, friendly circle with varying language abilities.

Meghan Ramsey, who works in the Corps of Engineers on Ramstein, spoke no German before she began the class. By the end of the first level of classes, she said, “I wouldn’t speak German at work, but I would speak a bit with neighbors.”

Since she has continued practicing her skills to the German Level 9 class, Ramsey said she can now speak the language with her German co-workers.

Brigitte Greene, teacher of the German Level 9 class, spent a moment reminiscing about the varying activities and subjects they have studied during the last two years. Dining out in German restaurants, watching the movie

“Run Lola Run” with its original German audio, singing to Cicero, role playing and assembling presentations on German culture are the favorite items mentioned.

“I liked (the presentations),” Ms. Ramsey said. “I got to go to the German fire department,” she said when describing her project. Other students in the class have completed short assignments like writing a poem, assembling a history lesson, or sharing knowledge of German cultural activities.

Ms. Greene also teaches a German Level II course this session. She said this class enjoys studying grammar. Several students in this class level say they feel comfortable now ordering at German restaurants.

The next session of classes at Spangdahlem begins April 1 at the community center.

The cost for the class is \$50.

Classes are held at 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and must be registered for in advance.

To sign up for a class or to get more information, call 452-7260.